

WORSHIP GUIDE FOR APRIL 11, 2021

GATHERING MUSIC

- Dana Moody

THE MORNING WELCOME

- Charles O. Ansah

CENTERING PRAYER (in unison)

Most merciful God, as you revealed yourself to your disciples after resurrection, we pray you reveal yourself to us today, so that those who are confused will have a clear mind, those who are sad will be comforted and those who are empty will be filled. Let your glorious presence bring light to all dark corners of our lives, in Jesus' name. Amen.

SPECIAL MUSIC

“At Calvary Medley”

- Shellene Castellow

PRAYER (responsively)

- Arte Jones

L: Heavenly Father, we acknowledge that in ourselves we are nothing, but in you we can do all things.

P: Give us grace to live in you.

L: As you stood among the disciples who out of fear met behind locked door.

P: We invite you into our locked hearts and minds to bring us your peace.

L: The world around us is suffering, and souls are getting to hell every day.

P: Give us your holy zeal to do something about it.

L: We have strayed from your purpose in our pursuit of comfort and happiness.

P: Oh, Holy Spirit remind us of our purpose as church every day.

L: We want to be light and salt in the world.

P: This is our desire Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

John 20:19 -22

That evening the disciples were meeting behind locked doors, in fear of the Jewish leaders, when suddenly Jesus was standing there among them! After greeting them, he showed them his hands and side. And how wonderful was their joy as they saw their Lord! He spoke to them again and said, “As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you.” Then he breathed on them and told them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, they are forgiven. If you refuse to forgive them, they are unforgiven.”

Colossians 2:9-13

For in Him lives all the fullness of the Godhead bodily. And you are complete in Him, who is the head of all authority and power. In Him you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in which also you were raised with Him through the faith of the power of God, who has raised Him from the dead. And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has resurrected together with Him, having forgiven you all sins.

SERMON THEME: LIFE AFTER RESURRECTION

- Charles Owusu-Ansah

MEDITATIVE HYMN

“Rise Up, O Men of God”

[NOTE: If you are worshiping with us in-person please refrain from singing; humming or a time of meditative silence is permissible. If you are watching on Facebook Live you may sing.]

Rise up, O men of God! Have done with lesser things.
Give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O men of God! The kingdom tarries long.
Bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.

Rise up, O men of God! The Church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod.
As brothers of the Son of Man, rise up, O men of God!

CLOSING INVITATION (responsively)

- Arte Jones

L: Heavenly Father, we ask for the courage to witness, persistence in love and grace
to live a life devoted to you!

P: **So that the church will take its rightful place in the world!**

POSTLUDE

- Dana Moody